

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form:	Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem or Attorney (Chapters 48 and 938)
Form Number:	JD-1798
Statutory Reference:	§§48.23, 48.235, 938.23 and 938.235, Wisconsin Statutes.
Purpose of Form:	Appoints either attorney or guardian ad litem for an individual in a ch. 48 or ch. 938 proceeding.
Who Completes It:	Court.
Distribution of Form:	Original to court file, copy to attorney or guardian ad litem, person for whom attorney or guardian ad litem was appointed, other attorneys or parties entitled to notice.
Accompanying Forms:	Generally none.
New Form/Modification:	Modified; last update 02/10.
Modifications:	Changed from a voluntary to mandatory form.
Comments:	This form was recommended to RMC by the Chief Judges Guardian ad Litem Oversight subcommittee. This committee felt strongly that oversight of the GAL is necessary as it is the court's duty to oversee the GAL's performance of their obligations and duties, which is supported in case law (<i>Paige K.B. v. Molepske</i> , 219 Wis.2d 418, 580 N.W.2d 289 (1998)) and the findings from the Children's Court Initiative reviews.
About this Form:	<p>This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court's Office and a mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.</p> <p>If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be altered.</p>